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nodosa, L., Washington's Valley; *Collinsonia Canadensis*, L., near Fort Putnam and on Crow's Nest, J. W. B.; *Asarum Canadense*, L., ravine on Crow's Nest, 1879; *Aristolochia serpentaria*, L., near Fort Putnam, 1835, J. W. B.; *Acnida cannabina*, L., Duck Island, J. W. B.; *Polygonum tenue*, Michx., September, 1830, J. W. B.; and *P. Virginianum*, L., Crow's Nest, J. W. B.; *Alisma Plantago*, L., var. *Americanum*, Gray, foot of Crow's Nest, J. W. B.; *Orchis spectabilis*, L., ravine on Crow's Nest, 1879; *Rhyncospora glomerata*, Vahl., Kronket's Pond, very abundant, August 25, 1837, J. W. B.; *Lolium perenne*, L., J. W. B.; *Woodsia Ilvensis*, R. Br., common at West Point; *Camptosorus rhizophyllus*, Link., on Redoubt Hill, Mr. Denton.

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A Word Concerning *Myosurus*.

Our thanks are due to Dr. Gray for his criticism and correction, in the January number of this journal, as regards the earliest name, *Myosurus apetalus*, Gay, for the plant which we all had so long been taught to call *M. aristatus*. That the form which he designates as var. *lepturus*, belongs under this species, rather than under *M. minimus*, where we had placed it, we cannot easily be persuaded, who are familiar with all these plants as they grow in the fields, and are moreover supplied with abundant Pacific coast specimens gathered in all stages of maturity; advantages which our learned Cambridge friend admits he has not enjoyed.

With reference to the Drummondian specimens of *M. Shortii*, so long ago distributed by Sir William Hooker, it was not presumed that no true *Myosurus* would be found among them. We only spoke for that representation of the distribution which the herbarium of the California Academy has been favored with. The specimens are two only, and neither of them in flower. The leaves in both display the scattered but prominent spreading teeth of a small plantain; and the reddish, villous pubescence about the bases of the leaves and scapes are the second mark, equally unmistakeable with that aforementioned, of the genus *Plantago*, as compared with *Myosurus*. The species, however, must be *P. heterophylla*, rather than *P. pusilla*, which latter has its leaves entire.

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